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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMIC ZONE MANAGEMENT

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1. REFTEL ASKS CONGEN TO FORWARD ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON SOUTH AFRICAN ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER DATA RELATING TO FOREIGN FISHING FLEET OPERATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA'S 200-MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ).

2. SAG TO DATE HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO DISCLOSE DETAILS OF FISHING RIGHT AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGNERS IN ITS EEZ. IT HAS CONFIRMED THAT JAPAN, ISRAEL, AND TAIWAN HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED RIGHTS. JAPAN MAY CATCH HAKE, MAASBANKER, PANGA AND SQUIDS (QUANTITIES UNKNOWN). ISRAEL MAY CATCH HAKE IN AN AMOUNT BELIEVED LESS THAN ITS 1976 SOUTH AFRICAN HAUL OF 3600 TONS. TAIWAN AGREEMENT COVERS ONLY TUNA.
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3. FEE SCHEDULE, TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE ACCRUING TO SOUTH AFRICA, AND USE TO WHICH IT WILL BE PUT ALSO HAVE NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED. THIS HAS LED THE SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPPING NEWS AND FISHING INDUSTRY REVIEW TO EDITORIALIZE, IN FORTHCOMING AUGUST ISSUE: "HOW MUCH AND WHERE IS IT - THE LICENCE FEES BEING PAID BY JAPAN, ISRAEL AND TAIWAN FOR FISHING RIGHTS

IN SOUTH AFRICA'S 200 MILE ZONE? ANOTHER SECRET FUND? ALOS,
HOW MUCH FISH FROM THE COUNTRY'S HEAVILY DEPLETED RESOURCES
HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THESE NATIONS? ALSO, HOW IS THE PERFORMANCE
OF THE FOREIGN TRAWLERS BEING MONITORED? THE DEPT OF INDUSTRIES
REFUSES TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. BUT THE FISH RESOURCES
BELONG TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA WHO HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW
WHAT IS HAPPENING. THE MONEY SHOULD BE PLOUGHED BACK INTO THE
FISHERY IN THE FORM OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. SO, WHERE
IS IT?"

4. FOR PRETORIA: POST WILL PURSUE QUESTIONS RAISED REFTTEL
WITH DEPARTMENT OF SEA FISHERIES IN CAPE TOWN. EMBASSY MAY
ALSO WISH TO SEE WHAT INFORMATION IT CAN EXTRACT DIRECTLY
FROM DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES.
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